# Newsletter

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VA Bedford Community Recovery Connections Team creates and supports Veteran social networks in Bedford, on the North Shore, South Shore, Merrimack Valley, and surrounding areas. We are Veterans in recovery; we offer guidance and bridging developed through our own lived experience.

### MONTHLY VETERANS COFFEE SOCIALS

Veterans Coffee Socials are meet ups where Veterans socialize and find connection and support. We discuss benefits, events, and community. Many coffees meet weekly, but below are the few that meet monthly:

**HULL |** 1st Friday of the month, 9 – 10:30 AM, 1117 Nantasket Ave

**SALEM** | 4th Wednesdays, 10 – 11 AM, Fort Salem, Community Life Center, 401 Bridge St

**MARBLEHEAD** | 2nd and 4th Saturdays , 10 - 11:30 AM, VFW Marblehead, 321 West Shore Drive

## **Upcoming Events**

**Sept. 15** | Free produce market for Veterans & Service Members, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM, behind building 61, VA Bedford, 200 Springs Rd, Bedford, MA

**Sept. 16** | Military Appreciation Day at The Big E, West Springfield, MA, 8 AM - 4:30 PM

**Sept. 20** | Motorcycle Escort for *The Wall That Heals*, VFW Post 3291, 55 Leighton St, Pepperell, MA, 9:30 AM - Noon

**Sept. 22-25** | *The Wall That Heals*, 200 Springs Rd, Bedford, MA. <a href="https://www.va.gov/bedford-health-care/programs/the-wall-that-heals/">https://www.va.gov/bedford-health-care/programs/the-wall-that-heals/</a>

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**Vets Coffee on Facebook\*** 

VA Bedford Healthcare System on Facebook

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Veterans Health Administration Bedford Healthcare System

WEEKLY VETERANS COFFEE SOCIALS	
N. Chelmsford   Tuesdays	Newburyport   Tuesdays
9:30 – 11 AM	7 – 8 AM
American Legion	Battle Grounds Coffee
90 Groton Rd	33 Pleasant St
Tewksbury   Tuesdays	Auburn   Tuesdays
10 – 11 AM	6:30 – 8 PM
Tewksbury Senior Center	Dunkin' Donuts
175 Chandler St	385 Southbridge St
Danvers   Thursdays	Haverhill   Thursdays
9 – 10:30 AM	7:30 – 9 AM
Danvers Senior Center	Battle Grounds Coffee
25 Stone St	39 Washington St
Bedford   Thursdays	Gloucester   Fridays
7:30 – 9 AM	8:30 – 10 AM
VA Bedford Patriot Canteen	Gloucester Veterans Services
200 Springs Rd	12 Emerson Ave
Billerica   Fridays	Plymouth   Fridays
9:30 – 11 AM	1 – 2:30 PM
High Octane Harley-Davidson	Nathan Hale Veteran Outreach
1 Chelmsford Rd	Center
	116 Long Pond Rd
Manchester-by-the-Sea	
Saturdays	
8:30 – 10 AM	
American Legion Post 113	

### Veterans Crisis Line

14 Church St

Veterans Crisis Line has a new number—**Dial 988 then Press 1**.

If you are experiencing anxiety or other symptoms, the Veterans Crisis Line is always available. Options are available to talk, text, or chat.

Call 988 then press 1, OR

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Send a text message to **838255**, **OR** 

Use the confidential online chat session at Veterans Crisis Line.

The 10-digit number is still available: **1-800-273-8255**, press

